

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (original) A balloon catheter having an expandable
2 balloon at the tip part of a shaft, characterized in that a
3 hollow shaft formed of a balloon material is inserted into a
4 hollow shaft formed of a shaft material, and the tip part of
5 the inside hollow shaft is projected from the tip end of the
6 outside hollow shaft so that the expandable balloon is
7 formed of the projected portion of the inside hollow shaft.

1 2. (currently amended) The balloon catheter according
2 to claim 1, wherein the tip ~~end~~ part of the inside hollow
3 shaft is closed up with a cap formed of the shaft material.

1 3. (original) The balloon catheter according to claim
2 1 or 2, wherein after insertion of a guide wire or other
3 core material into the inside hollow shaft, said guide wire
4 or other core material is secured to the tip part of the
5 inside hollow shaft.

1 4. (original) The balloon catheter according to claim
2 3, wherein the guide wire or other core material is provided
3 with one or more lumens.

1 5. (currently amended) The balloon catheter according
2 to ~~any one of claims 1 to~~ claim 3, wherein the inside hollow
3 shaft is provided with more than one lumen.

1 6. (currently amended) The balloon catheter according
2 to any one of claims 1 ~~to 5~~ or 2, wherein the outside hollow
3 shaft is formed of ~~polytetrafluoroethylene~~
4 polytetrafluoroethylene.

1 7. (currently amended) The balloon catheter according
2 to any one of claims 1 ~~to 6~~ or 2, wherein the inside hollow
3 shaft is formed of silicone.

1 8. (currently amended) The balloon catheter according
2 to any one of claims 1 ~~to 5 and 7~~ or 2, wherein the outside
3 hollow shaft is formed of soft metal.